

2009 SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL SUMMIT
Alpena, Michigan
May 4 - 7, 2009

Meeting Purpose:

**To improve the effectiveness of
ONMS sanctuary advisory councils.**

Strategies to meet purpose:

- ❖ Appreciate and offer gratitude to our councils and the staff that support them.
- ❖ Provide opportunities to network with and learn from other council chairs, coordinators and ONMS headquarters staff.
- ❖ Foster inspiration – new ways of doing the work of councils.
- ❖ Highlight the unique style and spirit in which each council operates.
- ❖ Learn from the successes and challenges of other councils.
- ❖ Learn about major ONMS initiatives.

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MONDAY, MAY 4

Council Coordinator Only Meeting

Council Chair Travel Day: Council Chairs Do Not Meet on Monday

Location: Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center Conference Room

Breakfast on own

- 9:00 Welcome and Introductions
Jean Prevo, Thunder Bay NMS Council Coordinator
- 9:10 Meeting Preview / Orchestration
Karen Brubeck, National Advisory Council Coordinator, ONMS
- 9:15 National Council Updates
Karen Brubeck, National Advisory Council Coordinator, ONMS
- 10:00 Thunder Bay NMS Council
Jean Prevo, Thunder Bay NMS Council Coordinator

This session will allow the host site council coordinator to lead a session focused specifically on their council (history of council, history of staffing, council “style and personality”, things that have worked well, challenges, current priorities, current working groups and subcommittees, etc). The session will begin with a presentation, end with questions/discussion and identify topics for the “open session”. Karen Brubeck and Kate Thompson can also add to the discussion as both staffed the Thunder Bay council at different points in the past.

10:30 Break

- 10:45 Council Member Selection Process Discussion
Facilitator: Karen Brubeck, National Advisory Council Coordinator, ONMS

This session will focus on the council member selection process—recruiting, selecting and retaining. Jennifer Morgan (FGBNMS Council Coordinator) will begin an interactive discussion on the evolution of council representation. **Council coordinators should come prepared to share their perspectives.**

- 11: 45 Council Resolution Procedures
Facilitator: Karen Brubeck, National Advisory Council Coordinator, ONMS

This session will allow council coordinators to share their councils’ formal or informal procedures for submitting and passing council resolutions, discuss the benefits and challenges encountered in the resolution process, and utilize the expertise in the room to work through some of the challenges. Andrew Palmer (OCNMS Council Coordinator) will begin an interactive discussion with all the council coordinators by highlighting related work recently completed by the OCNMS council. **Council coordinators should come prepared to share their council procedures and provide handouts of any formal protocols.**

12:30 Lunch provided

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1:30 ONMS Volunteer Discussion
Kate Thomson, ONMS

This session will highlight the volunteer program, volunteer handbook, and new requirements, with a focus on those items that impact council members.

2:15 Break

2:30 Open Session
Facilitator: Karen Brubeck, National Advisory Council Coordinator, ONMS

This session allows the council coordinators to utilize the expertise and experiences of the group of council coordinators in the room to brainstorm ways to tackle and solve challenging council-related issues. **Council coordinators should come with a list of items to discuss.**

3:30 Council Coordinator Session with Daniel J. Basta or John Armor (TBD)

Meeting to discuss council-related ideas and concerns. **Council coordinators should come with list of items to discuss.**

4:30 Meeting Adjourns (or earlier if discussion wraps up sooner)

Dinner on own

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TUESDAY, MAY 5

Annual Meeting

Location: Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center Conference Room

Breakfast on own

- 9:00 Welcome and Introductions
Jeff Gray, Superintendent, Thunder Bay NMS
- 9:15 Overview of the Meeting and Agenda Working Group Process
Karen Brubeck, National Advisory Council Coordinator, ONMS
- 9:30 State of the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries
Daniel J. Basta, Director, ONMS

10:15 Break

- 10:30 Thunder Bay NMS Presentation
Jeff Gray, Superintendent, Thunder Bay NMS
- 11:30 Flower Garden Banks NMS Council Case Study:
Management Plan Review: Boundary Expansion and Other Blood Sports
Council Chair Presenter TBD

Note: Interested councils submitted one paragraph case study abstracts. The 2009 agenda working group selected the three case studies that most closely met the criteria in the guidelines and had most export value for the group. Each case study is allotted one hour on the agenda; a minimum of 20 minutes of that time will be for discussion/questions.

12:30 Lunch provided

- 1:30 Korean Presentation
Presenter TBD

ONMS is hosting three visitors from Korea interested in learning about advisory councils, volunteer, education and outreach programs, and other aspects of ONMS. This session allows our visitors to describe specifically what they are interested in learning about and/or briefly share information on Korean MPAs.

- 1:45 Olympic Coast Intergovernmental Policy Council Presentation
Presenter TBD

A representative from Olympic Coast Intergovernmental Policy Council (IPC), consisting of the four coastal tribes and State of Washington, will give a short presentation on the IPC's history, role and strategic priorities in improving communication, policy coordination, and resource management strategies within the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary. Recognizing the unique relationship between NOAA and native american tribes, the IPC was created in January 2007 and is the only such forum of its type within the national marine sanctuary system.

2:15 Break

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2:30 Marine Protected Area Center Presentation
Lauren Wenzel, MPA Center

This session will connect the efforts of the councils with the MPA Center's work to develop a national system of MPAs and the efforts of the MPA Federal Advisory Committee. Spring 2009 the MPA Center expects to have completed the admission of the first group of MPAs into the national system of MPAs, including all of the sanctuaries. The goal is to engage the council chairs in a dialogue about how the national system can help support their priorities at the regional or national level.

3:30 Education/Outreach Workshop
Michiko Martin and/or Kate Thompson, ONMS

This session will highlight new and innovative education, outreach and communication projects and techniques and encourage discussion on how councils can expand their reach and impact in their larger communities. This session will specifically touch on Oceans for Life.

5:00 Meeting adjourns

5:00 – 7:00 Evening Reception
Co-Hosted by the Thunder Bay NMS and the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation
Location: Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

Annual Meeting

Location: Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center Conference Room

Breakfast on own

9:00 National Choreography of Council Chairs
Facilitator: John Armor, CPPD Chief, ONMS

This is a facilitated session to discuss the concept of a national role for council chairs as described in the July 25 letter from Dan Basta. The session will likely involve a short presentation, some group discussion, and break-outs. **Council chairs and council coordinators should discuss with council in advance of session and come prepared to discuss. Council coordinators will have much to contribute to this session so should come prepared to discuss on behalf of the site.**

10:30 Break

10:45 National Choreography session cont.

11:45 Meeting adjourned; all meeting participants drive individual cars to Holiday Inn

12:20 Bus Loads at Holiday Inn

12:30 Bus Departs – Field Trip and Lunch

The bus will transport meeting participants to the Presque Isle lighthouses in Rogers City (45 minutes north of Alpena). Thunder Bay staff have arranged for tours of the lighthouses. Boxed lunches and drinks served on bus.

4:30 Bus arrives back at Holiday Inn

5:30 Council Chair Dinner with Daniel J. Basta, ONMS Director

Location: Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center Conference Room

This is a very informal evening session over a working dinner (provided). This is an opportunity to discuss any procedural, trouble-shooting or other concerns or issues with Dan Basta and the other council chairs. **Chairs should bring discussion topics with them.**

Council Coordinators dinner on own

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THURSDAY, MAY 7

Annual Meeting

Location: Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center Conference Room

Breakfast on own

9:00 Enforcement Session
Lisa Symons and/or Harriet Sopher, ONMS

This session will be a panel discussion with ONMS, NOAA Office for Law Enforcement (OLE) and General Counsel for Enforcement and Litigation (GCEL) personnel. They will present an overview of the enforcement authorities in the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, how enforcement is implemented in the sites, the new 3-year enforcement strategy, and last year's Department of Commerce Office of Inspector General recommendations and the efforts to respond to those. After brief remarks by the panel members, a full discussion session will offer opportunity for questions and answers.

10:30 Break

10:45 Conservation, Policy and Planning Division Update
John Armor, ONMS

This session will provide an update on reauthorization, pending legislation (e.g. expansion bills), MPR status, and policy.

11:30 Channel Islands NMS Council Case Study:
Ocean Acidification and National Marine Sanctuaries
Council Chair Presenter TBD

12:30 Lunch provided

1:30 Monterey Bay NMS Council Case Study:
MBNMS Decision to Initiate Planning for MPAs in Federal Waters of the Sanctuary
Council Chair Presenter TBD

2:30 Youth Involvement with Councils
Presenters TBD

This session will begin with a brief introduction, and then will highlight examples of councils that are experimenting with ways to reach out to the youth of the community. The Monitor council is in the process of establishing a youth working group and eventually a non-voting youth/student seat. Monterey Bay council is examining a possible shadowing/mentoring program. Thunder Bay is also considering a youth working group.

3:30 Break

3:45 Open Discussion

4:45 Closing Comments
Daniel J. Basta, Director, ONMS

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4:50 Close Out Session
Karen Brubeck, National Advisory Council Coordinator, ONMS

The close out session includes: (1) a summary of meeting follow-up/action items; (2) written meeting evaluations; and (3) volunteers for FY10 agenda working group.

5:00 Adjourn Meeting

5:00 Optional Tour/Tasting at the Fletcher Street Brewery

The brewery is located next to the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center and serves up sanctuary-inspired brews (Pewabic Pale Ale, Sanctuary Stout) and home-made sodas. TBNMS has arranged for a private tour of the brewery (no cost to individuals). There is also an optional tasting in the public area of the brewery following the tour. ONMS will not cover the cost of the tasting; individuals interested in participating in the tasting will cover their own costs (\$5 per "sampler platter").

Dinner is on your own.

FRIDAY, MAY 8
Travel Day

Lodging is not covered for Friday evening.